

REMARKS

In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reexamination of the present application. Claims 1 and 32 have been amended, Claims 14 and 37 have been cancelled and no new Claims have been added.

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has indicated that Claims 24-31 are allowed and that Claims 11-13 and 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In the Office Action, the Examiner has restricted the claims to the following distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 2-31, drawn to a coating composition, classified in Class 588, subclass 901; and.
- II. Claims 32-40, drawn to a method of making, classified in class 588, subclass 407.

The Examiner states that Claim 1 links inventions I and II. Applicants hereby affirm the election of the claims of Group I, namely Claims 2-31.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1-6, 8-10, 14, 16, 19-20 and 22-23 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 5,637,355 by Stanforth et al. In addition, the Examiner has rejected Claims 7, 17-18 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stanforth et al.

To advance prosecution of the present application, Applicants have amended independent Claim 1 to incorporate a Markush group that includes the permeability enhancing agents recited in dependent Claims 11, 12, 13 and 15. Claim 14 has been canceled.

In addition, Applicants have amended independent Claim 32 to incorporate the limitation from linking Claim 1. Therefore, as Claim 1 is now allowable and Applicants have amended Claim 32 to incorporate the limitation from Claim 1, Applicants request rejoinder of previously withdrawn Claims 32-36 and 38-40 pursuant to 37 CFR §1.104.

It is believed that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance and such

disposition is respectfully requested.

Applicants do not believe that any additional fees are due in connection with the filing of this Response to Office Action. However, if any such fees are due, please debit those fees from Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecute and or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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